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VI-1	Priority claim of earlier national application		
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VI-2	Priority document request		
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VIII-1	Declaration as to the identity of the inventor	-	
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IX	Check list	number of sheets	electronic file(s) attached
IX-1	Request (including declaration sheets)	5	<b>✓</b>
IX-2	Description	16	-
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